**UPR of Yemen**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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14.30 hrs

Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of the Republic of Yemen for its national report and for participation in the third cycle of the UPR process.

With war in Yemen reaching its fourth year, we continuously witness grave violence, death and suffering of millions of Yemenis. Efforts undertaken by the Government of Yemen aimed at implementation of recommendations accepted during the second cycle of the UPR, although relevant and welcomed by Poland, are overshadowed by the ongoing conflict in the country.

In this context we call upon all parties and stakeholders – both in Yemen and beyond - to commit to reaching a sustainable political solution which would pave the way for ending this dreadful war, which is marked by thousands of victims, wounded and displaced civilians, destruction of infrastructure and lack of education to the youngest generation of Yemeni people.

Bearing that in mind, Polish delegation would like to present the following recommendations to the Government of Yemen:

* **Cooperate with international community as well as at the national level to record all cases of violation of international law committed by all parties to the conflict and pursue actions allowing perpetrators to be held accountable for the crimes and violations before the independent court in the future;**
* **Continue all possible efforts in adopting legislation and implementing operational frameworks focusing on protecting women and children from violence, including female genital mutilation. In order to avoid the tragedy of Yemen witnessing a lost generation – the government should take all possible steps fostering access of all children to education.**

I thank you.